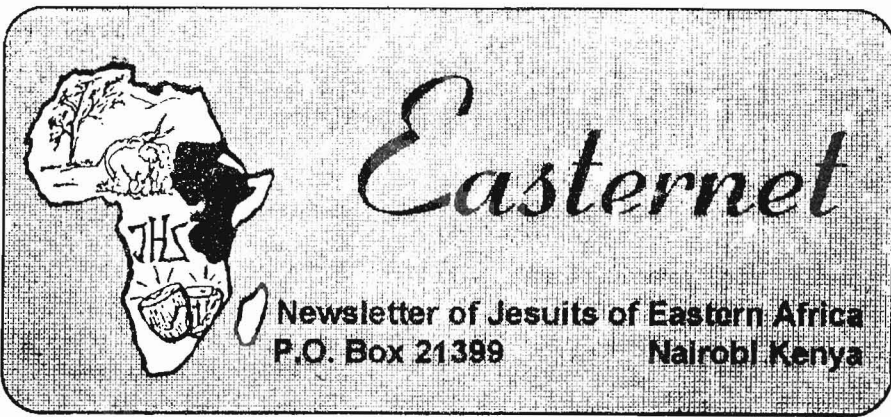


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Sun	2	<i>Elphège Degagnés</i> †1986
Mon	3	Jerome Manyahi
Tues	4	<i>Philippe Laurendeau</i> †1989, <i>Roger Leclair</i> †1989
Wed	5	Gérard Gagnon, *Joseph Lungu
Thu	6	Melchior Marandu, <i>Charles Eugène Côté</i> †1968
Mon	10	+Stephen Power
Tues	11	Tiberius Barasa. *Thomas Erinjery. Ambrose Kituyi. Aquiline Tarimo
Wed	12	<i>Paul Beaudry</i> †1970
Fri	14	Hillary Livombolo
Sat	15	James Wabwire, *Louis Razafindrazauaka
Tues	18	Leo Amani Masawe
Wed	19	<i>Bl. James Sales and William Saultemouche; Bl. Ignatius de Azevedo and companions; Bl. James Bonnaud and companions; Bl. Joseph Imbert and Jean-Nicolas Cordier.</i>
Thu	20	Victor-Luke Odhiambo
Fri	21	Stephen Msele, +Joseph Shubitowski
Sat	22	Zacharias Pazheparampil
Sun	23	Moses Were
Tues	25	Emmanuel Ngabirano
Wed	26	+Angelo D'Agostino, + David Skelskey
Fri	28	*Peter Edmonds
Sat	29	*Fridole N. Ravahatra
Mon	31	Richard D'Souza, Kizito Kiyimba



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May this last Christmas of the second millennium bring peace and joy to all the brethren working in the Eastern Africa Province and beyond!
I pray that the "Country Assemblies" during this blessed season be a source of mutual support and inspiration to our different apostolic commitments in the different countries of our Province.

As we celebrate a Jubilee Year in the year 2000, at the dawn of the new millennium, I pray that the third millennium be more of what Micah has prophesied: "a time of walking humbly with our God, loving more tenderly and acting more justly".

Fratern Masawe, S.J.
Provincial

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A picture of Fr. Bonaventura Balige with Fr. Provincial during the festivities following his ordination to the Priesthood last August

To Father Socius:

You are kindly requested to notify the communities of your Province that the correct number of the FAX

of "Servizio Accoglienza Centrale" (SAC) is (+39) 06-669-924-853 and NOT the one which appears in the Letter to All Major Superiors of November 10.

December Vocation Prayer

*Lord, God of compassion and mercy,
we praise you for having called
Francis Xavier to be
a companion of St. Ignatius.*

*You gave him a heart on fire
with love for you
and with zeal for souls.*

*We pray that the whole world
may share in the riches
of the gospel message.*

*We ask you to bless our ministries
and increase our desire
to love you with all our heart
and soul, mind and strength.*

*Through the intercession
of Francis Xavier, we beg you
to call many to serve you
in the Society of Jesus
and in our Province.*

*All glory and praise be to you
now and forever. Amen.*

(December 1998) on "St. Francis Xavier in the East: The encounter between Europe and Asia during the period of the great navigations," have been published in Japanese and in English. Price: 4,800 yen. Orders from: Shinzan Publishing Corporation in Tokyo; FAX: (81-3) 3818-0344.

MEXICO

The Center for Human Rights Miguel Agustin Pro, reported an attempt on the life of Ms. Digna Ochoa, a lawyer of the Center. She was tied up and submitted to a grueling questioning for more than nine hours. On October 29, the main entrance to the Center was forcibly opened, desks were messed up, and documents were scattered on the floor. Further information <prodh@sjsocial.org>

UNITED STATES

On November 16, the 10th anniversary of the Jesuits' murder in El Salvador, the ABC network presented a documentary produced by Fr. Donald Doll and Ms. Elizabeth O'Keefe. The documentary features Fr. Jon Cortina who, by chance, escaped the massacre, and who is now leading the search for children

stolen during the civil war.

INDIA

As it has been widely reported, on October 29 a cyclone devastated the Region of Orissa, where the Jesuit Province of Jamshedpur is located, causing a very large number of victims. Because of the disrupted communications, it was very difficult for the Provincial -Fr. Charles Pereira- to immediately visit the more affected part of the zone. It was only on November 12 that he could send his report to the Curia in Rome: between fifteen and twenty thousand people died, two million were left homeless, two hundred thousand head of cattle perished... The Province arranged the participation of Jesuits in the rescue operation, but they were held back by the lack of cholera vaccines which is considered indispensable for those engaged in the rescue operation. Father General has sent a contribution of US\$ 30,000 to alleviate the victims. Donations can be sent to Bro. Wenceslaus D'Souza, the Province's Treasurer, under the name of JAMSHEDPUR JESUIT SOCIETY. The Province of Jamshedpur has a total of 208 members: 90 priests, 108 scholastics and 10 Brothers.

FROM THE PROVINCIAL OFFICES

Fr. Provincial's schedule for December:

December 6 - 13

Canonical Visitation to the Novitiate, Arusha.

Fr. Payeur, the EAP Development Officer, returned to Nairobi on 19th November. After a short home leave in Canada, where he celebrated his 50th anniversary in the Society of Jesus. Joseph went to Europe so as to contact agencies as well as to visit houses for the elderly in the old continent.

New address of the Province Curia of the North German Province (GSE)

Norddeutsche Provinz SJ

Provinzialat

Hültzstrasse 22-24

D-50933 Köln

Germany

From Rome:

On the very day the Bishops' Synod for Europe ended, October 23, Father General flew to Portugal where 42 Major Superiors from the European Provinces were having

their two-yearly meeting. He talked to the group, met some of the new Provincials privately, and attended the Portugal Province "consulta" before returning to Rome on October 26. One of the main topics of the Superiors' discussion was the challenges of migration.

Two experts (a Jesuit and a layman) were invited to the meeting as resource persons.

Father General also sent a message to the gathering of JESUITS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION. There were 145 participants, including Jesuits and lay people, representing schools of the Society, as well as some delegates from non-Jesuit schools of Ignatian inspiration. The theme of the Congress, held near Rome from October 20-24, was "Ignatian Leadership in Our Schools". Since Father General was attending the Bishops' Synod, he could not be present, but he sent a message in which he linked the issues discussed by the Bishops with the work of the educators.

November 15-18: Meeting of the Preparatory Commission ("Coetus Praevius") for the Meeting of Major Superiors at Loyola in September 21-28, 2000.

APPOINTMENTS

- Fr. Hansruedi Kleiber, 51, Provincial of Switzerland.
- Fr. Ivan Macan, 60, Provincial of Croatia.
- Fr. José Netto de Oliveira, 66, Provincial of East-Central Brazil.
- Fr. Colmcille Brophy, 55, Provincial of Zambia.

DECISIONS

In 1994 the Provincial Congregation of South Brazil

requested the establishment of a dependent region embracing the States of Rondina and Mato Grosso. The process of study and consultation has been completed, and at the end of September of this year Father General signed the decree establishing the Mato Grosso Region, dependent on the Province of South Brazil. As the first Regional Superior, Father General has appointed Father Luiz Neis, 41.

LETTER

In a letter to All Major Superiors dated November 10, Father General gives information for "Jesuit pilgrims" coming to Rome during the Jubilee Year.

a) The chapel at the General Curia can be used by Jesuits with/without groups (reservation required).

b) Fr. Cristoforo Sironi can help Jesuit pilgrims with arrangements. Viadegli Astalli 16, 00186 Roma. Tel/fax: (+39) 06-679-7755. E-mail<c.sironi@agora.stm.it>

c) Jesuits looking for lodging for themselves can contact Fr. Gianni Notari, Via San Saba 9, 00153 Roma. Fax: (+39) 06-487-1203. E-mail <g.notari@iol.it>

d) For general information, the Vatican has opened a "Servizio Accoglienza Centrale" (SAC): Piazza S. Marcello 4, 00187 Roma.

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assistant. He gave a very moving talk that all present appreciated.

The Indonesian Provincial told me that he met our Sal Ferrao in Dili, East Timor. I am looking forward to getting in touch with Sal at least by e-mail. I am at present trying to organise the logistics of my field research from January to March. I'm also putting final touches to a

paper I will present in a conference at the University of Western Australia in Perth. The conference begins 2nd. December and ends on the 5th. I'll be flying to Perth on the 1st and will be back in Melbourne on the 6th. of the same month. All the best. My regards and prayers to all in the province.

Otieno

FROM OTHER PROVINCES

JESUITS IN EUROPE

The number of Jesuits working in 32 European countries is 7,993, of whom 1,167 are in East Europe. More numerous than the Jesuits are the Franciscans (8,994 of whom 6,380 are in the West and 2,614 in the East), and the Salesians (8,595 of whom 6,680 are in the West and 1,915 in the East).

EAST TIMOR

As the situation of East Timor, after the declaration of independence, moves into a new stage, the Society is also considering its presence on the island and its future apostolic strategy. At present, the six Jesuits assigned to Timor (four Indonesians and two Portuguese) work for

diocesan institutions: a seminary, a school and a retreat house. The Society does not have any institutions of its own. Some young Jesuits have volunteered to go to Timor, but time is needed to ascertain the plans of the two Bishops for the island's future.

JAPAN

The second International Symposium to commemorate the arrival of Xavier in Japan 450 years ago, will be held at Sophia University (Tokyo) on December 4 and 5. The topic is "Christian Culture in Sixteenth Century Europe: its acceptance, rejection and influence with regard to the nations of Asia."

The papers presented in the first International Symposium

well from the operation on my knee and I'm back to my normal routine, but again on 19th November I'll be going back to St. John's Hospital for the extraction of my wisdom teeth.

Creighton University has just named its new President, Father John Schlegel, former President of the University of San Francisco. He takes over from Father Michael Morrison, who has been President for more than 20 years. Fr. Morrison is quite a remarkable person, yet very simple and very much at ease with students with whom he is often found conversing together in the University compound. He remembers very well our Jesuits who have passed through here from Africa. In particular he talks about Father Victor Luke Odhiambo and again points out the art works which were done by Fr Jonathan Haschka when he was here at the University. Fr. Morrison will certainly be missed.

People around here are preparing for the coming Thanksgiving holiday which we will celebrate on the 25th November. The town of Omaha looks more attractive now that the trees have lost their leaves. God bless you all.

Deus, S.J.

Otieno Ndong'a wrote from Australia:

Greetings. Thanks for the news I have been receiving regularly. I'm sorry I have not been a good correspondent. It is not that I do not want to send any news to the province. It is just that I'm so occupied that I have a lot of things pending.

November 13th. was the first day in two months that I ventured to take a break from my University schedule. We had a memorial service for Mwalimu Nyerere at St. John's Catholic Church East Melbourne. The service was well attended (slightly over three hundred people, the majority from Africa). I was the main celebrant; it was a humbling experience. Even though all along I have had a personal respect and admiration for Mwalimu, I did not realise that he had an almost universal respect and that even those who were opposed to his political ideas had a lot of respect and admiration for him.

In the evening of the same day we had a get-together at the Jesuit Theological College. The Jesuit provincials from Indonesia, Hazaribag in India and Australia were present. Also present was Fr. Vincent O'Keefe the former general

CURIA

Father Walter C. Deyé, 51, from the Chicago Province, and Brother James P. Selinsky, 50, from the Oregon Province, are studying Italian in preparation for their future jobs at the Curia: Father Deyé as Secretary of the Society, and Brother Selinsky as Assistant to the Treasurer.

Father Robert J. Geisinger, 41, from the Chicago Province, has begun his duties as Assistant to the General Procurator while continuing to teach at the Gregorian University.

In the near future, Frs. Gerardo Aste, 49, from the Peru Province, and Thomas McCoog, 52, from the Maryland Province, will join the Curia. Fr. Aste has been assigned to the Treasurer's Office, and Fr. McCoog to the Historical Institute.

INTERPROVINCIAL HOUSES IN ROME

In a letter to All Major Superiors written last March, Father General indicated the need to formulate a plan for the appointment of Jesuits for teaching positions in Roman institutions. In a recent meeting, Father General's Delegate and the Rectors of the three academic institutions reviewed the list of 17 Jesuits who are already appointed to eventually teach in one of the institutions, and added a list of 46 academic posts which have to be filled in the next five years. The Delegate will attend the meetings of Provincials in various Assistancies to explain the situation and discuss possible contributions.

Debriefing from the Development Officer

The period between August 19th and November 19th turned out to be a very beautiful experience. Six weeks in Canada celebrating my jubilee with my novitiate companions and visiting friends and benefactors, six weeks in Europe inquiring about possible sources of financial help from Jesuit Provinces and International Agencies. When I

left, I was kind of anxious: not only because of the length of the journey by train, but the prospect of meeting with Provincials and Agencies' Officials made me feel somewhat hesitant and fearful. What a relief and a joy it was to meet all of them! My fears were dissolved by their friendly and warm welcome.

Canada. England, Belgium,

Holland, Germany and Spain! Yes! everywhere the same fraternal and cordial welcome. I tried my best to explain to them the situation of our Eastern Africa Province: the immensity of its territory, our Jesuit presence, our various ministries, our devoted efforts to form our younger members, the pressing need of looking after our elderly ones, our plan of combining international and local fund-raising, etc. Quite a few pledged their continued support, although strongly encouraging our efforts at self-reliance.

The Canadian and European Jesuits look with envy at the number and growth of the African members of our Province. They surely want to contribute to support the cost of their formation. As our elderly expatriates need more and more

special fraternal attention, they will make sure that these men are not left unattended. As for the various projects of our parishes, retreat houses, social services, they are most willing to help. As one Provincial put it: "For us, it is not an obligation but a privilege to cooperate with you." And another one said: "We have the resources, but not the men. Africa has the men, but not the resources. A transfer is necessary."

Such a welcoming attitude is an encouragement for all of us to continue without fear, with even a greater generosity, assured of the fraternal support of our Jesuit Companions and Friends.

*Joseph A. Payeur, S.J.
Development Officer.
25/11/99.*

Some News on Vocation Promotion

Jack Morris has just sent in a brief report from Kampala. Makerere University now has a Jesuit Vocation Club with six members who meet once a month on the last Sunday.

On Saturday the 27th November I attended a very impressive baptism ceremony at Upper Hill Shrine of 42 street children who are under the care of the Salesians of Don Bosco. I was there also to thank and

congratulate two of our Jesuit aspirants who have been working for the past six months in the Salesian programme for "Children in need of help" as they term "street children".

In the New Year I hope to attend part of the meeting at Arusha of the Jesuits working in Tanzania, to encourage them in their vocation promotion efforts.

Seán O'Connor, S.J.

the faculty. I am slowly coming to the conviction that of all the possibilities that I had, Boston College answers all my academic interests and community needs. In this regard I resonate with Leibniz and perhaps the provincial by saying that for me "Boston College is the best of all possible worlds". The faculty here is excellent, the students are highly motivated and the Jesuit community is great fun. We are 135 Jesuits of every "tribe", colour, size and age. I hope that when I finish here I will be as equally good and competent as most of my teachers (Jesuits and Lay).

The American system requires that all graduate students do some course work leading up to full-time research work. That is why this semester I am taking three electives: Philosophy of Liberation, Modern Philosophy, Insight (B. Lonergan). I am also doing a seminar on pedagogical skills of teaching philosophy. Next semester I will take three courses besides preparing myself to do an oral comprehensive exam for the whole History of Western Philosophy.

I am slowly finding my way around the roads and streets of Boston. I have not yet got very much involved with pastoral work nor with my "computer apostolate"

except in the house. Greater Boston offers plenty of opportunity to get involved with ministry. There is also a high demand for computer technicians but I know that if I start doing that, then I will be jeopardizing my studies. During summer I will try to improve on my networking skills for we need more of that in our institutes in the Province.

At present I notice that the trees have shed all their leaves and the sun is becoming deceptive as it looks bright but it has no heat at all. Now that I am beginning to talk about the weather it is a sign that I have either run out of ideas or that I do not have more personal news to communicate.

Onyango Oduke, SJ

Brother. Deusdedit Byebalilo wrote from Omaha:

There isn't much to report: only the place is becoming cold and windy, but it's not as bad yet as friends keep warning me about - how cold this place becomes. Thanks to our Minister who has provided us with warm clothes and good bedding, thus making our stay comfortable. I have recovered very

Jean Roger Ndombi and the Hekima community for availing the facilities of Hekima to be used for my reception after the ordination and for allowing me to stay in the College till I left for the USA. I do not want to forget the invaluable help my fellow Young Jesuits accorded me in making the celebrations a success. I am very grateful for the collaboration of Omondi, Ikunza, Ochieng, Bunduki, Karumba, Okumu, Mumba, Karongo, Miti, Chachu, Lado, Kizito, The Harare group and Luyembe. The danger with enumerating names is that always one forgets the names of the most obvious people. If that has happened I am sorry and I didn't mean to forget your invaluable contribution. I have just remembered to thank Manyahi who printed the souvenirs. You see, the latter is just an illustration of what I mean by forgetting to mention important people.

A lot has happened to me ever since I left Kenya for the USA via London.

I had been back in Kenya for three years. This time round it was the first time I was leaving my lovely country to begin a new life of academia and faith elsewhere thousands of kilometers away in a

new continent and culture. Before my ordination and after I had traveled around the country a lot, renewing old contacts, and I only managed to catch a glimpse of some of my long-lost friends during the celebrations. I am therefore not surprised that as a result of these recent events, from time to time I suffer from massive bouts of homesickness when I recall my family, friends, the various celebrations and the times I have shared with most of you.

Also at this particular moment in time I would have liked to be directly involved with the struggle of Kenyans at this critical moment of the stalled constitutional reforms. But because of the mission that I have from the Society, I have to be satisfied with my passive role of a distant prayer (one who prays) and observer (one who observes).

As some of you know I am enrolled in the Boston College Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (Philosophy Department), working towards a doctorate. I am told that it normally takes a maximum of 7 years to finish, but I am determined to have it over and done within 4 if not 5 years.

Right from day one, I have been working very hard and I have no complaints whatsoever regarding

NEWS FROM COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE

Nairobi:

Elias Omondi reported from Hekima College:

The Hekima Peace Education Team launched a Hekima Peace Forum on 9th November 1999 which brought together twenty eight participants representing different peace groups in Nairobi, Justice and Peace Commissions from different parishes and offices that included the Catholic archdiocese of Nairobi and the Association of Sisterhoods of Kenya.

A talk was given on Human Rights, Governance and Peace building by Tecla Wanjala, the co-ordinator of Peace and Development network (Peace Net-Kenya). The main objectives of Hekima Peace Forum include: 1) creating a forum of discussion among peace groups and interested individuals on peace building and conflict transformation; 2) creating an awareness on the need for enhancement of a culture of peace; 3) exploiting African resources in transforming our own conflicts, and 4) discussing ways and means of empowering the common man and woman in acquiring justice, economic equilibrium and peace.

We hope you'll join us in our humble effort in search for peace.

E. Omondi

Loyola House

Loyola House is getting a facelift! Added help has been at work in cleaning up the yard, making the shrubbery and flowers better manicured, in general sprucing up the grounds. A big help in this is John, a carpenter whom Jonathan hired some time ago, a real find. He has, under Jonathan's instructions, completely renewed the old provincial's residence so that it is ready now for the elderly and sick. You would not recognize the house. Besides that he has made more comfortable chairs for the chapel.

A new resident! And a most welcome one! Fr. Ed Brady has joined the Loyola Community, and, as had been discussed and agreed upon some time ago, he will hold the Chair of Sudan in our province. He has moved into Brady House, the name I am giving to the remodeled old provincial's residence until someone else gives it a more official name.

Charlie finished a retreat on Saturday 27th November at Mwangaza, and was due to help out in the next two retreats there. Seán O'Connor started one of his half-yearly seminars for Jesuit aspirants and candidates on Monday, the 29th November. As usual many Jesuits have rallied to help out. It takes monumental preparation, and after it is over, the case work of interviews increases very much.

M. Devadoss and Stephen Power continue to bounce in and out on their very important work. Eric Condillac is doing very well keeping things running more or less smoothly. It is not an easy place for that. Dan Kenney, Gerry Rebello and A. D'Agostino continue with their work, and Stan had a bad case of the flu, but is now doing well. A blessed Advent to all!

Charles. C. Murphy, S.J.

Mwangaza Spiritual Centre:

Nov. 11-19: Victor Jaccarini was with the Daughters of the Sacred Heart next door. He had seven nuns for an individually guided retreat, and one nun for a preached retreat,

which he had spent weeks preparing. Fortunately the other seven also attended his talks.

Nov. 21-29: Tony was in Arusha giving a retreat to Canossian Sisters.

Uganda

Fr. Gene Hattie wrote from Karamoja to Fr. Tony Wach on October 24:

Just returned from our one-and-a-half hours' Sunday Mass, and the singing almost raised the roof. Yes, I got here safely almost at 10 p.m., having left Kampala at 6.30 a.m. We stopped for about an hour at Mbale for shopping. The first half of the trip wasn't all that bad, but the second was a nightmare: mountainous ruts, potholes and craters. To add to the pleasure, it rained furiously from 6 to 7 p.m., and even the windshield wipers weren't of much help, for the wind was at its angriest. In no time at all the road was a roaring river and it merged with the flooded fields, so that we never knew when we might end up in a crater or in a field-lake. Luckily, on a few occasions some drenched villagers were able to point out the danger spots. For a while we were afraid that we'd have

formation and integration into the Society.

Well, what else can I say for now? Advent is approaching, I wish you all a grace-filled time of waiting for the coming of the Messiah. I will certainly be writing again before Christmas and before the end of the "eventful" millennium. Stay well and may God bless you all. Fraternaly yours in Christ,

Gilbert Mardai S.J.

Charles Onyango reported from Boston:

Greetings from Boston College (BC), with the hope that you are well. It is now nearly three months, since I left Kenya for the USA. Since the time I got here I had the good intention of writing a personal "thank you" note to some of you, but unfortunately it has not yet been possible to do so due to a number of practical and genuine reasons. However I take the opportunity of this impersonal electronic media to convey my gratitude, and update you on what I have been up to in the last three months.

First of all I would like to thank each member of the Province for wishing me well, and keeping me in your thoughts and prayers, during

the preparation for my ordination and after. I also thank all who were able to come to pray and celebrate with me at the Cathedral, Hekima and at Our Lady of Visitation Church, where I had the first of my many Thanksgiving liturgies.

Two weeks after I was ordained I began my new mission in the world of the academia, and that is why it was not possible to go round to thank in person those who helped to organise for my ordination and the various receptions. However it is still not too late to mention some of those to whom I owe a big debt of gratitude, and please forgive me for using this impersonal media for doing so.

I begin by thanking Fr. Provincial, his Socius Miguel, Amani, Francis, Gerry R. and all the members of the province curia for the moral and logistical support, not to mention their personal presence at the ordination and at the various Masses of Thanksgiving. I would like to make a special mention of three people: Francis Rodrigues who at the last minute accepted to be the MC at the ordination Mass, Elias Mokuwa who did all the coordination with the Visitation choir, the youth and the Video crew; Afuló for organizing the beautiful reception at Hekima. I also thank

Cathedral as well did have a good coverage on Mwalimu.

Soon after the death of Mwalimu I had to go on with life here. On October 22 I went to Liverpool for a meeting of the Jesuits in Formation (JIF) in the British Province. The JIF have meetings quite regularly for the purpose of bringing the Jesuits in formation in England together and to get to know one another more since we are so scattered around the Province; though, in my opinion we are not as scattered as the EAP Jesuits in Formation are ... see where I am! The meeting in Liverpool ended on October 24 and it was a chance for me to meet the other three scholastics from the African Assistancy who are here, namely, Bruce Botha (South Africa Region), Kwame Arthur (NIG), and Emile (Madagascar).

LUDWIG already told you about our meeting with JOE PAYEUR on October 9, so I will not go into that except that I was very happy to see someone from the Province here. Recently I received greetings from ED TRUDEAU who passed on his way from Canada I believe. Since he was at Jesuit Missions in Wimbledon I could not see him and seemingly he was here for a very brief stay, I was told. STEPHEN

POWER must have been around at some stage as well but we never met, and again I was told that he was here for some meeting and that he had a packed schedule. I would be very happy, of course, to see some people from the Province who happen to pass through England for one reason or other; you are all welcome to Stamford Hill, St. Ignatius Church; that is where I am. I wrote an e-mail to JOHN GUINEY in Ireland. I hope he has received it by now and that I will get to hear from him some time if not through the EAPNEWS WEEKLY UPDATE.

One thing that has also been happening, and which I am very much involved in, being a Jesuit in Formation, is what is called here the Ignatian Seminars conducted for all the JIFs in England who are not ordained to the priesthood. The seminars are conducted by Philip Endean SJ and James Hanvey SJ, both teaching Spirituality and Theology respectively at Heythrop College. These seminars are very rich indeed; they are basically on Discernment, St. Ignatius' Diary, The Constitutions, The Spiritual Exercises, and related topics. This is one way in which scholastics here are kept up to date on matters of our Jesuit life and on our own on-going

to park for the night. So, it was good to arrive at a nice, warm room with a solar light.

The night before my arrival, several warriors killed a worker in the Apostles of Jesus' compound. The night after I got here, we heard gunshots and the wailing of women and kids about 8 p.m. in the small village just outside our gate. We were just on our way to supper. Fr. Clement and the Apostles of Jesus (they would not allow me to go with them) sneaked down to see what was up. Warriors had fired shots to scare the villagers away so they could loot, and shot a man in the leg. Clement took him to Moroto Hospital.

But the worst was saved for last night. At 7.30 p.m. I went to the house chapel in preparation for common prayer at 7.45. After five minutes guns burst from all directions and the shots seemed to be hitting against the house; it sounded as tho' the windows were being shattered and as though some shots were hitting the roof. I immediately doused the light, locked the door and sat on the floor beside a cabinet. There seemed to be 50 to 60 guns going off without letup, but not a voice was heard. The gunshots seemed to be just outside the window, so I sat still for

half an hour. Then all the lights went out and there was complete silence. When no one turned up for supper by 8.10, I became convinced that all in the community had been shot. Then I heard someone fooling with the chapel lock in complete silence, so I kept quiet. After about ten minutes someone again tried to open the lock, so I decided to take a chance and asked who it was. I breathed a sigh of relief when the Major Seminarian answered. No one had been harmed. All the seminarians were terrified as they lay on the class-room floors. It seems that yesterday morning two warriors had been shot among the Tepes in the hills behind us, and they had come to take revenge on the suspected perpetrators in the village next to us. The shooting went on nonstop for at least 45 minutes. "Why not come and share in the fun?"

By now I have settled in and caught up with all my mail. I haven't been assigned any classes yet because the Dean is not here. He had taken a group of kids to Lira for a camp, returned for a day and left the next day with 50 of the seminarians for a YCS meeting in Kangole. He will return this afternoon. Fr. Clement has hinted that he might give me all his Latin

classes !!! There are six in the community: Fr. Clement, Thomas, Ayepa, Fr. Gabriel, Apostle of Jesus, a Major Seminarian, Bro. Remigio (SJW) and myself. to make up a delightful and friendly community. And all of them have more than enough work to do: Clement with 17 classes, the Dean with 28, Fr. Gabriel with 17, the Seminarian 18 and the seven lay teachers with from 14 to 31 classes each.

Things are pretty much the same as when I was here before, except that a long hall and three seminar rooms have been built into one long building. The food is good: coffee, tea, bread, margarine, jam and sometimes eggs for breakfast: posho, sweet potatoes, cabbage, spinach, noodles or spaghetti and sometimes meat for lunch and supper. I was pleasantly surprised at the cleanliness of the house, kitchen, school, chapel, sacristy and bathrooms. The flies and mosquitoes are legion. We have the

generator daily from 7 to 10, and solar lights thereafter. But both generator and solar system are aging and feeble.

I have learned that the mail to Moroto Post Office is now functioning, now that there are daily busses here. So, you can just forward my mail to P.O. Box 46, Moroto. I'm told that it is reliable.

Here we have classes from 8.10 a.m. to 1.40 p.m., so it leaves the afternoon free. There are two guards with AK47s round the clock. And the six of us recite Morning and Evening prayer together. At present there are just 75 seminarians. Eleven Senior IV will begin their "O" level exams on November 2, and the ONE Senior VI boy will do his final exams a week or two later. That's about all for a start. I'll keep you posted as things unfold. My love to all the monks in Kampala. Prayers, please.

Gene Hattie, S.J.

FROM AOR JESUITS ABROAD

Fr. John Guiney wrote from Ireland:

Hi Fratern. Greetings to you and all. I am progressing "pole pole" (slowly). After spending 3 weeks in

St. Vincent's Hospital I have moved to the Jesuit nursing home at Cherryfield. I have begun to walk on crutches and am getting some strength in the left hand, although

the nerves are still dead in that area. Hopefully, with some intense physiotherapy, they will restore themselves. Thank you for the card from the Consult. I also remember all of you in my prayers. Peace and greetings to all.

John K. Guiney, S.J.

Gilbert Mardai wrote from London:

Peace of Christ!

It has been quite a while now since I last corresponded. Not that I have abandoned you at all but I have just been caught up with so much writing to do and so many books and articles to read and chase after. This programme is really demanding and it is indeed also tough! For the last three days the British Provincial, David Smolira SJ, has been on his Canonical Visitation to my community here and I had a chance of manifesting my conscience to him yesterday. He ends his visit tomorrow with Mass in the Parish. Yesterday we had community Mass and dinner with him; today we will be having a community meeting with him after supper.

Thank you for the news bits that I

do receive from time to time to keep me in touch with what is happening in the Province. Here the Autumn is slowly bidding us farewell and giving way to winter. However, I must say that the weather has been quite kind so far and the lowest temperatures that I have experienced so far are up to 8 degrees Celsius. That is not too bad, is it? If it gets colder than that I hope I will be able to order some sunshine from East Africa to come and give some warmth.

A number of things have been happening here. One is, of course, the death of the beloved Father of the Nation of Tanzania, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere who was in St. Thomas Hospital here in London. The Mass for him at the Westminster Cathedral which, unfortunately, I could not attend, was very nice indeed with an attendance of about 2000 people from different parts of London, African and non-African, diplomats and government officials, plus the rest of mankind. Some good coverage was given to the British public on Nyerere on the day of his death, October 14, and the Tablet had a whole page dedicated to him by Adrian Hastings who was once a missionary in Tanzania. The newsletter of Westminster